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Thanks

.. To those people who shared Calf Club Day with us and for your support in the build-up and especially to Cass Whalen, Steve and Michelle Martin Murray Mortimer, Helen Dorahy and Mary Finlayson for your work behind the scenes.

.. Our Calf club sponsors Ringrose Stockfoods, Whangarei Physiotherapy and Sumpter and Baughan.

.. Jenny Weigersma for her cookie baking genius, making a huge amount of cookies to assist the Middle School with Calf Club.

.. Mrs Gunson and Room 10 for their mammoth clean up in the hall this morning from Calf Club. Great job team!

.. Ivy and Daniel Oosthuizen who have volunteered to be the DJ's for the upcoming school disco.

People of the Week

.. All children for playing your part in creating such a fantastic Calf Club Day and to those who achieved awards on the day.

SELF-DISCIPLINE Virtue

Support material for the **SELF-DISCIPLINE** virtue was sent home last week. Please take time to ...

- .. discuss this virtue with your children
- .. talk about why self-discipline is important in your life
- .. set some targets
- .. advise us of any special successes for the newsletter

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

- 28 October - Labour Day Holiday
- 29 October - KHS testing (at Matarau)
- 30/31 October - WBHS testing (at Matarau)
- 1 November - School Disco
- 5 November - Zone Athletics (Poroti School)
- 26 November - Year 4- 6 Athletics Tournament
- 3 December - Year 7-8 Athletics Tournament
- 4 December - School Team Athletics Day
- 13 December - Reports home
- 16 December - School Prize Giving
- 18 December - Final day

Looking to 2014

In order for us to plan for 2014 it is important for us to know which children will or will **not** be at Matarau School next year. So .. if you know that your child will not be at Matarau School in 2014 can you please advise Helen next week. This will assist us greatly in our planning. Thank you!

High School Testing

Please impress upon your children the importance of these tests. They will be sat at Matarau School on the dates above. Please ensure all children involved are here no later than 9:00 AM. If your child is unable to make it on the day please contact Mr D for details on your options.

Zone Athletics .. Poroti School

Consents were issued this week. Please return these early next week. Grateful for offers of supervision. Any questions please contact Mr D.

Tennis permission Slips .. Year 5 - 8 (Thomas Neale)

.. sent home this week with interested students. Please return these next week to Mr D.



Badminton Club

Please note that badminton resumes again next week. There are still places available - most Tuesdays 3-4.30pm in the school hall for a cost of \$40. Thanks Shane and Clare for your efforts here.

School Disco

The School disco is on Friday 1st November. Entry will be a gold coin donation. If all children could please bring a plate of food for a shared supper.

Junior disco- Years 1 to 4- 4:30 to 6:30pm

Snr Disco- Years 5 to 8- 7-9pm

All school Councillors are required to attend both to assist in the running of the night. If this is not possible please email the school.

Middle School Speech Finals

The Middle School are having our annual Speech Finals this Thursday 31st October at 9am in the Library. Any parents are welcome to attend. The winner on the day will be presented with a trophy at Prize Giving.

Athletics

Middle and Senior school are beginning their Athletics practices for the year. Please ensure all students are dressed appropriately.

Headlice inspection

.. coming soon to a school near you. Please check your children's hair weekly and respond promptly in the event of infestation.

Can you help ?

.. with lunchtime athletics competitions starting in week 4. Can choose your day and even your track or field event. If able to help out please contact Kevin next week.

International Schools English and Maths Result sheets

.. will be sent home in the week beginning 29 October after teachers have had time to analyse these. Thank you for your patience.

Those children receiving participation certificates received these at our school assembly this week. Children receiving achievement awards will receive these at school prizegiving.

Booster Seats in cars

We have been asked to remind parents of law changes in this area. From 1 November the law states .

.. that children must be correctly secured in an approved child restraint until their 7th birthday

.. that children are required to be correctly secured in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle until their 8th birthday (if not available then in any child restraint or safety belt that is available).

Further information can be found at www.nzta.govt.nz/childrestraints

Child Car Seat Vouchers

We have a limited number of "10% off" Vouchers redeemable at any Baby Factory Store valid until 8 November 2013. If you would like one of these just drop by to the school office.

Sunhats

Sunhats must be worn by all children from next week please. Our school hat is a navy blue bucket hat & must be worn each day in terms 1 & 4. They can be purchased from the school office for \$9.00.



Spelling Bee

First rounds starting soon in classes and so maybe get your children practising at home. Spelling Bee finals will be some time week beginning 25 November.



Art Scholarship (Year 4 and up)

We will soon be calling for expressions of interest in our 2013 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Information will soon be sent home with interested children next week or may be requested from the office or your child's teacher. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.



Home Garden Programme

Photos of your child's efforts to date can be emailed to Sue Abbott for sharing in the weekly meetings sabbott@matarau.school.nz.

Please contact Mrs Abbott if your child withdraws from this programme at any stage to save confusion.

Please ensure that children ..

- .. have gardens planted
- .. have pest control and composting systems in place

Finally ..

Final word is yet another THANK YOU for attending and supporting our Calf Club Day. We all enjoyed the opportunity to share, to connect and to celebrate together. Congratulations again to children for their hard earned achievements. Great to be a rural school.

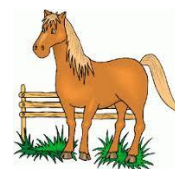
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Horse Trek fundraiser for Matarau School

2 hours walking, grass hills and smooth tracks, great views. Lead-rein riders' loop also available. \$30 incl lunch. Raffles \$2. Only 7 mins from Kamo. 10 am Sat 16 Nov 2013. Registrations close Wednesday 13 November. For more info and registration form email: ajet@farmside.co.nz or ph Alina 027 343 7447



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Operation Christmas Child - Help a child in need. Notices were sent home this week. Boxes available at the School Office. For more info go to operationchristmaschild.org.nz.

Kamo Swimming Club - the new season is due to start again, with registration taking place at the Pool on Friday, 1st November from 4.30pm onwards. Cost is \$80 per child per season to swim 2 nights per week plus Club nights. The first Stroke Correction night will be Monday, 4th November starting at 4.30pm. For any new members starting we will be assessing them on Mon, 4th Nov. Any queries please contact Karena on 0274 707 955 or Helen in the School office.



Junior Twilight Football- Starts 7th Nov Tikipunga Football Cub Reed Street, Tikipunga. Contact vic.campbell@xtra.co.nz or 021 203 5721 for more information. Under 8s Under 10s Under 12s half hour games runs for 6 weeks lots of fun.

Maunu School Country Fair to be held on 2 November 2013 from 10am to 2pm, corner Austin Road and SH14. Cake & sweet stalls, traditional Fair food, white elephant stall, paintball, kids rides, bouncy castle and much more. Lots of parking and eftpos available.

Tangiteroria Trail Ride - Sunday, 27th October Labour Weekend. For Information go to www.tangiteroriatrailride.co.nz Facebook.com Tangiteroria Trail Bike Ride Or phone Scott – 0275 444 291

Yoga Class – 4.30pm Wednesday's in the School Hall. For more info contact Susan Pryor on 0212084167

After School Care – is available with Carol Welsh on a regular or irregular basis. Please contact Carol on 433 5035 to make arrangements.

Northland Young Theatre - Halloween tours Quarry Arts Centre, Thursday the 31st of October! Tours begin at 5.30pm and run every 15 minutes till 9pm. They slowly get scarier as the night goes on & adults are encouraged to accompany younger children. Tours are \$6 each, Bookings are essential! To book call NYT: 09 4384453 or at [facebook.com/NorthlandYouthTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/NorthlandYouthTheatre)

Northland Golf Club. Coaching sessions for new & developing Junior Golfers are now available (both Primary & Intermediate ages).

Rippa Rugby Module - Fridays starting Friday 8 November to Friday 13 December 2013. There are two grades; 4.00-6.00pm Youth Mixed (5-6 year olds, 7-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds) and 6.00-8.00pm Open Mixed* (13 year olds +) *younger players can play in this grade with the permission from their parent/guardian. This is a social module encouraging school teams, rugby teams, families, friends and work mates all to join in and be active. Cost is a gold coin donation per game. To register contact Lisa on 4339589 or 0211630237 or dylan.lisajones@hotmail.com before Friday 1 November 2013

TV Takeback - The TV Takeback scheme will be running for a limited time and is a chance for people to recycle their old TV for only \$5. For more info please visit the website www.tvtakeback.govt.nz or call us.

superCUTE children's clothing and other items for littleMISS and littleMAN aged between 0-7 years old. Also stock other items, party hire equipment, 68 Tawhai Pl, Parahaki. For more info visit [facebook.com/supercute.gifts/photos_albums](https://www.facebook.com/supercute.gifts/photos_albums) or email Vanessa@supercute.co.nz or phone 021920552

Whangarei Central Day – Thursday 7 November, Barge Park. For more info contact Michelle on 4335061 or 0274810450. If you have any trophies from last year's Central Day please return to the School office.



KidsCan Santa Run - Wed 4th Dec at 6.30pm. Fun run/walk that individuals, groups or teams can take part in dressed up as Santa's and raising money for KidsCan. Register online at www.lacticturkey.co.nz/SantaRunEntry.htm

The Brain Injury Assoc - Night of Fashion & Entertainment, Tue 5 Nov, Old Library, Rust Ave, Doors open at 5.00pm, finger food

served, auctions, spot prizes, raffle. For more info contact Vikki 094595013/northland@brain-injury.org.nz or Kathy 0274595988.



Chocolates – due back Tuesday 29 October 2013

The first class to return all their chocolates receives a prize



Milly Parker (room 6) with her buddies Asher and Luke O'Donnell, and big brother Olly, spent an afternoon cleaning up their street. Milly was surprised how much litter there was. Well done kids, the environment (and neighbourhood) thanks you!